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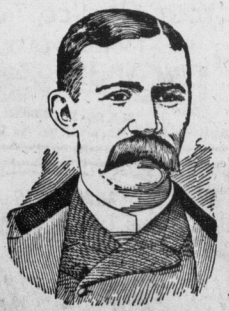
and Mechanics' Bank. From an article, entitled "Columbia's Celebration," that was published in "The Carbondale Leader" on Thursday, May 11, 1893 (page 4), we learn that Alderman Samuel Sheldon Jones gave a short address before the corner stone was laid and that the exercises were of an appropriate but simple nature.

From that same article we learn that "After a selection by the Germania band and the members and a large number of the spectators adjourned to the meeting rooms of the company in the old building where president Kelly made some very happy remarks in which he touched upon the splendid work that had been done by the company; the kind treatment and appreciative support they had received from the public and the city councils, and concluded with a brilliant peroration on the beautiful home in which they would soon be installed. He was greeted by a storm of applause at the conclusion of his admirable address and the assemby soon after dispersed."

The following articles were placed in the corner stone of the new Columbia Hose Company building: (1) copy of the "Leader" of May 10, 1893; (2) copy of the "Herald" of May 10, 1893; (3) old coins from J.F. Brown and J.F. Maxwell; (4) copy of the bylaws and constitutions of Columbia 5, with a list of officers and members of the company, and of the Andrew Mitchell Company, No. 1; (5) photographs of Chief Moffitt and presidents and foremen of the Columbia and Mitchell Hose Companies; (6) badge of a member of Columbia 5; (7) photographs of drivers and teams of both companies and pictures of the city churches and several prominent buildings, taken from the advance sheets of the "Leader's" Anniversary Edition of May 18, 1893.

When the building was completed, the Columbia Hose Company's apparatus, consisting of one of the finest Gleason & Bailey hose wagons decorated in white an gold and equipped with scaling ladders and fire extinguishers, was housed on the first floor. The stables for the company's handsome team of black horses, Fan and Flora, were located at the rear of the building. The second floor of the building was devoted to the company's parlors and sleeping rooms.



P. F. Moffitt. Chief of Carbondale Fire Department in 1893.

The officers of the Columbia Hose Company in 1893 were the following: B.A. Kelly, president; John Moffitt, secretary; A.L. Sahm, treasurer; William Peel, foreman; Frank Blair, assistant foreman.

The members of the Columbia Hose Company in 1893 were the following: James McLaughline, A.F. Cook, George Gilbert, Peter Coyle, Charles Rupert, Julius Kinback, Frank Tappan, John Lavin, W. Briggs, A.McNeill, P.J. Powderly, Charles Blair, J.W. James, R.W. Blair, Owen Reese, William Ulmer, Edward Neary, John Booth, John Loftus, John Boylan, John McNulty, Charles Smith, R. Kirwin, Harry Booth, C. Hall, John Brennan, Matthew Harte, J.M. Nealon, J.R. Sitterly, P.J. Duffy, J.J. Thomas, J.W. Kilpatrick, P.F. Moffitt, P.H. Murray, Patrick Moran, James F. Boylan, Albert Jones, Thomas Finnerty, John McDonald, James F. Farrell, J.E. Brown, Thomas Brennan, James J. Loftus, John Nealon, James Gorman, John Cameron, T.G. Coughlin, James F. Maxwell, Charles Morris, James H. Campbell, Martin Neary, James Clark, John Coogan, A.F. Loftus, J. Missett, T.F. Carroll, Michael Neary, J. O'Connor, Chris Moulter and Julius Spaeth.

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Column 1, line 18: for "G. Love" read "G. R. Love"
Column 1, line 25: for "S. K. Waldron" read "Z. K. Waldron"
Column 3, line 7: for "Michale Munley" read "Michael Munley"
Column 5, lines 12-13: for "Germania Band and the members" read "Germania Band, the members"
Column 5, line 33: for "constitutions" read "constitution"
Column 6, line 8: for "James MacLaughline" read "James MacLaughlin"